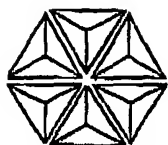


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2003, having a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 17, 2003, please enter the "Amendments to the Claims" beginning on page 2 and consider the "Remarks" beginning on page 4 of this paper. Please also find accompanying this Amendment a declaration by the inventor, Atef Boulos.